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**COMMENTS INVITED ON APPLICATION OF
CINCINNATI BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**

WC Docket No. 11-195
Comp. Pol. File No. 1022

Comments Due: January 3, 2012

Section 214 Application

Applicant: Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company, LLC

On November 14, 2011, Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company, LLC (CBT or Applicant), located at 221 East Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) requesting authority, under section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue a certain domestic telecommunications service in several counties in Kentucky and Ohio. By an amendment filed November 30, 2011, CBT corrected certain deficiencies in its initial application and updated the record regarding the affected service areas and notice to the Governor of Kentucky and the Kentucky Public Service Commission. Accordingly, CBT's application is deemed complete as of November 30, 2011.

CBT indicates that it currently offers Wavelength Service under Tariff FCC No. 35, Section 21 in the Kentucky counties of Boone, Campbell, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton and Pendleton, and the Ohio counties of Butler, Clermont and Hamilton (collectively Service Areas). CBT explains that Wavelength Service was established to provide high volume optical transport utilizing multiplexing technology in a ring environment. CBT further explains that, with this service, multiple data signals are transmitted over the same fiber-optic cable at the same time, using different wavelengths of light. CBT states, however, that there have not been any customers for Wavelength Service and that it currently does not provide Wavelength Service to any customers in the Service Areas. CBT indicates that it therefore plans to withdraw Section 21 – Wavelength Service from Tariff FCC No. 35 and cease offering the service in the Service Areas on or after January 31, 2012, subject to Commission authorization. CBT states that it is considered dominant with respect to the service to be discontinued.

In accordance with section 63.71(c) of the Commission's rules, CBT's application will be deemed to be granted automatically on the 60th day after the release date of this public notice, unless the Commission notifies CBT that the grant will not be automatically effective. In the application, CBT indicates that it plans to discontinue Wavelength Service under Tariff FCC No. 35, Section 21 in the Service Areas on or after January 31, 2012, subject to Commission authorization. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(c) and the terms of CBT's application, absent further Commission action, CBT may discontinue Wavelength Service under Tariff FCC No. 35, Section 21 in the Service Areas on or after **January 31, 2012**. The Commission normally will authorize proposed discontinuances of service unless

it is shown that customers or other end users would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier, or that the public convenience and necessity would be otherwise adversely affected.

This proceeding is considered a “permit but disclose” proceeding for purposes of the Commission’s ex parte rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200-1.1216. Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission on or before **January 3, 2012**. Such comments should refer to **WC Docket No. 11-195 and Comp. Pol. File No. 1022**. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance on the commenter, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. Comments may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the Web site for submitting comments. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number.

Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission’s Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission’s Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. The filing hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

Two copies of the comments should also be sent to the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-C140, Washington, D.C. 20554, Attention: Carmell Weathers. In addition, comments should be served upon the Applicant. Commenters are also requested to fax their comments to the FCC at (202) 418-1413, Attention: Carmell Weathers.

The application will be available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 418-0270. A copy of the application may also be purchased from the Commission’s duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, telephone (202) 488-5300, facsimile (202) 488-5563, or via e-mail at FCC@BCPIWEB.COM. People with Disabilities: To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (tty).

For further information, contact Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), carmell.weathers@fcc.gov, or Kimberly Jackson, (202) 418-7393 (voice), kimberly.jackson@fcc.gov, of the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau. The tty number is (202) 418-0484. For further information on procedures regarding section 214 please visit http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/cpd/other_adjud.

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